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Grant Program NOFA, & Webinar: FY 2013 Housing Counseling Training Grant Application

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Important Notice to Applicants for HUD's Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program NOFA:

Some components of the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov) were taken offline Saturday, March 16, 2013 to complete maintenance and security upgrades. Users will not be able to register a new entity or update an entity record until Entity Management is available at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 2013. As a result, some eligible Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) applicants submitting electronic submissions on or after March 16, 2013 may have had difficulty submitting their applications through www.Grants.gov.

HUD is working to develop procedures to respond consistently and equitably to applicants who believe they may have been affected by the outage of SAM.gov. While the procedures are being finalized, affected applicants should collect records of their interactions with Grants.gov and SAM.gov, including ticket numbers for any calls to a help desk, submission tracking numbers, DUNS number and the Authorized Organization Representative username and password (AORID) used in their submission attempt.

Please direct all questions about the Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program NOFA to: Housing.Counseling@hud.gov

AND

March 22, 2013 - Webinar: FY 2013 Housing Counseling Training Grant Application:

The Office of Housing Counseling will discuss the requirements of the application for the FY 2013 Housing Counseling Training Grant Application. Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations with at least two years of experience providing housing counseling training nationwide. On March 4, 2013 The Office of Housing Counseling posted the Housing Counseling Training NOFA. This NOFA will fund training activities for housing counselors employed by "participating agencies" designed to improve and standardize the quality of counseling. Read the FY 2013 Housing Counseling Training Grant on HUD's website at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/htc

This "free" webinar will be held at: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Eastern Time. Register on-line for the Webinar at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/121867272 After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Conference call audio portion: Call-In Number: 877-336-1839, Access Code: 5615090

System Requirements: PC-based attendees required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server. Mac®-based attendees required: Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer. Mobile attendees required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet.

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aaa@xyz.com bbb@xyz.com ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to: jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listsery, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit: http://www.usa.gov and subscribe at:

http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php To unsubscribe - go to: http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/mailinglist and click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

HUD Housing Counseling: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

Events & Training Calendar: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING

Contracting Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo

Career Opportunities: http://www.usajobs.gov

Grant Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster

Foreclosure Assistance:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor

Making Home Affordable: http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit: http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm

Thank you!!!!